

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civ. No. 03-538 JP /RHS

\$23,100.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY

Defendant,

GLEN E. ALBIN, ET AL.,

Claimant.

CLAIMANT REQUESTED FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. On October 20, 2002, John Albin was a passenger in a car that a New Mexico State Police Officer stopped for speeding.
2. The New Mexico State Police Officer issued a citation to the driver.
3. After the New Mexico State Police Officer issued the citation he continued to detain the car.
4. There was no probable cause or reasonable suspicion to warrant the continued detention of the car.
5. Through the unlawful detention of John Albin, the State Police Officer gained consent to search the car.
6. On October 20, 2002, New Mexico state police officers seized \$23,100.00 cash from John Albin.
7. On October 20, 2002, John Albin possessed user amounts of controlled substances.
8. On July 15, 2003, John Albin plead to misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance

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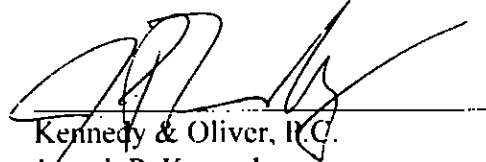
in state court.

9. The potential fine for John Albin's offense was \$1,000.00.
10. The court imposed no fine on John Albin.
11. John Albin died on January 2, 2004.
12. Glenn Albin is the successor in interest to the cash seized.
13. The United States has no evidence that claimant is involved in drug trafficking.
14. The United States has no evidence that this cash was derived from sale of drugs.
15. Should this court forfeit the cash to the United States, the United States will pay a portion of this forfeiture to the State of New Mexico.
16. The United States has no evidence that John Albin intended to use this cash to purchase drugs.

CLAIMANT'S REQUESTED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

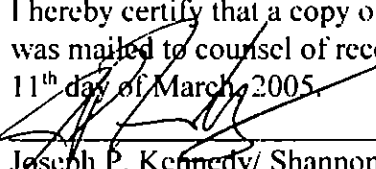
17. The court lacks jurisdiction of the cash in this claim.
18. The State of New Mexico, through statute, has expressed exclusive jurisdiction over cash its officers seize. NMSA§ 31-27-1 et seq.
19. The seizure of the cash was in violation of the fourth amendment prohibition against unreasonable seizures.
20. Forfeiture of this cash would be excessive and would violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against excessive fines.
21. Forfeiture of this cash is wrongful against the claimant and would violate the Eighth Amendment prohibition against excessive fines as claimant has no involvement in any drug trafficking activity.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing
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